Universalisation of secondary education

778. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn out plans to universalize education upto secondary level;

(b) if so, the details and cost thereof;

(c) what is the contemplated Central and State Government share under the plan; and

(d) the step taken and being taken to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) The Mid-term Appraisal of the Tenth Five year plan has, *inter-alia*, recommended that "in order to plan for a major expansion of Secondary Education in the event of achievement of full or near full retention under SSA (Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan), setting up a new mission for Secondary Education, on the lines of SSA, should be considered".

A Committee of the Central Advisory Boad of Education (CABE) was constituted in September 2004, to prepare a blueprint for Universalisation of Secondary Education consequent upon the attainment of Universalisation of Elementary Education. The Committee submitted its Report in June, 2005.

The above recommendations are being examined in consultation with concerned agencies, after which a scheme may emerge for implementation during the Eleventh Plan.

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779. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons other than regular teachers who are engaged in SSA in diferent States/UTs with categorical break up;

(b) the amount of salary as paid to these persons in each category of jobs;

(c) whether Government have any plan to enhance their salary in consideration of significance of their jobs;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if so, the programme in detail?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) The terms and conditions of recruitment of teachers is the responsibility of the State Governments concerned, irrespective of source of funding. 8% of teachers recruited in the country are local teachers whose remuneration varies from Rs. 1000/- per month to about Rs. 5000/ per month, in different States.

Commercialisation of education

780. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to commercialisation of education, the needy and the bright poor children are unable to proceed for higher education;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to assist these children; and

(c) whether Government are considering to set up any monitoring authority to control these commercialized educational institutions other than AICTE?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The National policy on Education is against commercialization of education. For the advancement of students belonging to weaker sections in the matter of admission to all educational institutions, provisions of article 15(5) of the constitution are now in force. Each state is empowered to make laws in keeping with local conditions covering all matters including reservation of seats, differential fee structure and admission procedure.